

Question Variation by Style

The kinds of questions we pose determine the kind and depth of thinking our students do.

Teacher Preparation:

Prepare questions that connect to the different learning styles. Use the chart below for ideas.

Vary your questions according to the thinking you are after and in order to give all students practice in the different styles.

Mastery (Recall)	Understanding (Reason)	Interpersonal (Relate)	Self-Expressive (Recreate)
Recall Who, what, when, where?	Compare / Contrast How are they similar and/or different?	Explore feelings How would you? How do you? How did you feel or think?	Imagine/ Suppose What if?
Describe/ Use a procedure How?	Prove/ Disprove Evidence and/or support and refute.	Empathize If you were ____, how would you feel and think about ____?	Design/ Create How would you?
Summarize Retell or restate	Explain how/ why Cause and/or effect	Evaluate Which is best? How do you rate? Or strength and weaknesses of ...	Think in metaphors How is ____ like a ____?

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